

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. New claims 14-20 have been added.

#### ***Embodiment of the Present Invention***

An embodiment of the present invention is directed to a camera that includes, a communication device which allows radio communication with another unit, and a radio antenna, operatively connected with the communication device and outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit.

The radio antenna is formed by a conductive component of the camera insulated from a camera housing, but not electromagnetically shielded, the conductive component serving a non-communication purpose for the camera, such that the conductive component is not dedicated solely to communication and instead serves as both an element for a non-communication purpose of the said camera and is also used as the radio antenna.

Further, the radio antenna is provided outside the camera housing at a portion of the camera where a user of the camera does not unconsciously touch or unconsciously cover the radio antenna during an operation of the camera.

#### ***Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103***

(a) Claims 1 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suso et al. (USP 6,069,648) in view of Gerszberg et al. (USP 5,949,474), and further in view of Martin et al. (USP 5,983,119). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Suso, as acknowledged by the Examiner, fails to disclose or suggest a radio antenna “formed by a conductive component of the camera insulated from said camera housing, but not electromagnetically shielded, said conductive component serving a non-communication purpose

for said camera, such that said conductive component is not dedicated solely to communication and instead serves as both an element for a non-communication purpose of said camera and is also used as the radio antenna,” as recited in claim 1.

Further, Suso discloses, in col. 3, lines 52-58, an extendable antenna 10, which can be shortened when cases 1 and 2 are closed, and extendable when the cases 1 and 2 are closed.

In other words, in Suso, since the antenna 10 needs to be extended upon operation of Suso’s device, the antenna 10 is provided at a position where it can be easily touched or covered by a user upon operation of the device.

Accordingly, Suso does not disclose or suggest the “radio antenna” as recited in claim 1.

Gerszberg discloses, in Fig. 5, a remote control handset 200 provided with an antenna 222 concealed inside a casing 202.

Applicants respectfully submit that a remote control handset has no relationship whatsoever with a camera, which is a subject matter to the claimed invention of the present application.

Further, the antenna 222 is not provided “outside” the casing 202, which corresponds to the “housing” of the claimed invention.

Moreover, when a user operates such a remote control handset, the handset is usually held by the user using one hand and buttons and switches are operated by a finger of the hand of that of another hand. Therefore, the antenna 222 is provided at a portion where it can be unconsciously covered by the user.

In view of this, Gerszberg fails to disclose or suggest the “radio antenna” as recited in claim 1.

Martin discloses a wireless communication device having an antenna 258, which also has a function to control functionality of the wireless communication device.

In order to easily control the functionality of the device, the antenna 258 is antenna is provided at a portion where it can be unconsciously touched by a user.

In view of this, Martin fails to disclose or suggest the "radio antenna" as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, even assuming, arguendo, that Suso, Gerszberg, and Martin can be combined, Suso in view of Gerszberg, and further in view of Martin fails to disclose or even suggest the "radio antenna" as recited in claim 1.

Claim 13, dependent on claim 1, is allowable at least for its dependency on claim 1.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

(b) Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suso in view of Gerszberg. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As stated in the foregoing with respect to Suso and Gerszberg, both cited references fail to disclose or suggest the "radio antenna" as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, even assuming, arguendo, that Suso and Gerszberg can be combined, Suso in view of Gerszberg fails to disclose or even suggest the "radio antenna" as recited in claim 1.

Claims 2-12, dependent on claim 1, are allowable at least for their dependency on claim 1.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

### *New Claims*

New claims 14-20 have been added. Claim 14 is independent.

Claim 14 is allowable at least because none of the references of record discloses or suggests “at least one member from a group including a hot shoe to which an accessory is set, a reflector of a flash, a strap, a strap holding member to which the strap is attached, a lens tube for supporting the lens therein, a ring member that supports the lens with respect to the lens tube, a cover for a battery compartment, and a cover for a memory compartment,” and “one of said at least one member is connected to said communication device as a radio antenna for outputting and/or receiving radio waves to/from said another unit, said at least one member is formed by a conductive component insulated from a camera housing, but not electromagnetically shielded,” as recited therein.

Claims 15-20, variously dependent on claim 14, are allowable at least for their dependency on claim 14.

A favorable determination and allowance of these new claims is earnestly solicited.

### **CONCLUSION**

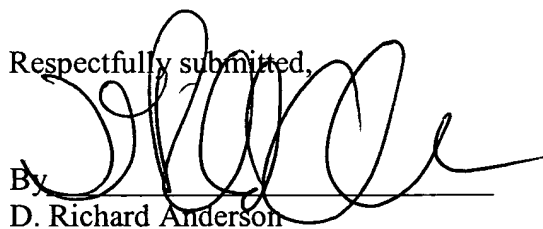
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and objections, and allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi (Reg. No. 40,417) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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